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1. The GERMAN Delegate referred to the statement which had been made by his Italian colleague concerning the issue of cumulative import certificates without any indication of the quantity or value of the goods (COCOM 3727). The German authorities had confirmed that they did issue such certificates in such cases where both the importer and exporter concerned were known to be unquestionably reliable. This matter had been brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee on Export Controls at the last meeting in Rome (Sub-C.(59)2, paragraphs 111-113) and the Sub-Committee had confirmed that this was a permissible practice. The import certificates issued by his authorities were of two types: for an unlimited quantity of goods during a limited time and for a limited quantity of goods over an unlimited time period. His authorities considered that these certificates were in complete harmony with the Sub-Committee's point of view.

2. The ITALIAN Delegate thanked his German colleague for the explanation he had given on this IC/DV matter. He added that, while noting the formalities required for the issuance of the global import certificates referred to in COCOM Sub-C.(59) 2, paragraph 115, the Italian authorities wondered whether there was an adequate margin of safety in the case of transactions which dealt, not with one specifically mentioned item, but with a whole category, such as that of the electrical and electronic measuring instruments referred to in COCOM 3727. It should therefore be cleared whether the notion of "unlimited quantity" mentioned by the German Delegate could be applied or not to an entire category of goods as well as to a single item.

3. The GERMAN Delegate replied that the import certificates which were issued by his authorities for an unlimited quantity referred to one or several particular items only which were clearly specified in the import certificate but did not refer to a whole category of goods. He considered that it might be useful to discuss this matter again in the Sub-Committee in order to secure uniform application where global import certificates were concerned.

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